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Cristine Soto DeBerry. "We spent a day in Manhattan learning the ropes of how they used data, and Kerry Chicon came and spoke to our board of supervisors. It's very clear to our D.A. that we are overincarcerating, and we need to do something different. Jail is not an economically sustainable model. We need to know for whom jail is appropriate and whom it isn't. That's where data becomes very useful." In some ways it may be easier to be the district attorney of Manhattan in an era when New Yorkers aren't so inclined to do terrible things to one another. And yet the Manhattan D.A.'s office still handles more cases than the entire United States Department of Justice. Vance's predecessors didn't have to cope with the terabytes of digital evidence now central to many prosecutions, or with malign enterprises particular to our time, like cybercrime (200 to 300 complaints a month in Manhattan alone) and lone-wolf terrorism. Vance was especially frustrated that his office had been unable to stem the upsurge in domestic violence. While the index felonies were going down, misdemeanor arrests in Manhattan were going up. And arrests for grand larceny, many of which involved iPads and iPhones, were running counter to the positive crime trends.

"I don't want to be known as the D.A. whose main mission was reducing property crime, but it is important we excel even in these kind of cases," Vance said. "The bar Bob Morgenthau set when he left was very high. It's my job to raise it."

It was almost midnight, and he was sitting in a pub in Chelsea reflecting on his first four years on the job. The supporters who helped him secure another term had gone home. "So," asked his wife, Peggy, "what three things have you learned about yourself?" Vance gazed at her evenly, well aware of the perils of domestic cross-examination. "You just have to be honest," she said.

"I'm thinking," he said, looking, for a moment, as if he would rather be coping with the recent outbreak of mold at their country house.

"Cyrus has always been a question to himself," Peggy said to me. "The things that should make him happy didn't make him happy. He's never had the ability to separate himself from his work."

Jimmy Zaccari, a detective on Vance's protection detail, was waiting outside in a black Suburban to drive the couple home. It was a quiet night, except for the cry of far-off sirens. Changed as it might be, Manhattan was still the place where Jose Pimentel plotted to terrorize New Yorkers by detonating pipe bombs, and Corey Dunton stands accused of firing a gun at skaters in Bryant Park, and Cesar Lucas raped a woman on the West Side. It was still the place where, among thousands of nonviolent but still disgraceful affronts to the civility of city life, Dr. Lawrence Levitan stole insurance money from a hospital and Naim Jabbar wrung cash from people for eyeglasses they didn't break. It was still the place where even a Times Square Elmo impersonator had been jailed for harassment and extortion. Gentler times in Manhattan? Maybe someday — but not tonight. Sirens in the night meant cases in the morning.

Correction: December 7, 2014

An article on Page 22 this weekend about Cyrus Vance Jr., the district attorney of New York County, describes incompletely a shooting incident at the Bryant Park ice rink in November 2013 and misspells the given name of a man charged with shooting skaters. He is Corey Dunton, not Cory, and he has pleaded not guilty and is awaiting trial; it has not been established that he "fired a gun at skaters." In addition, the article misstates the length of time that Robert M. Morgenthau served as district attorney of New York County. It was 35 years, not 34.

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Adam Gargani

To Whom it May Concern:

This reviews a phone conversation I had with the New York City's District Attorney's Office.

On February 2 of 2011 I received a voicemail message from Maria Strohbhen stating she was from the District Attorney's Office and was calling as part of a matter she was handling with one of my tenants, and requested a return call, which I did.

The matter involved Kelly Price who was my tenant at that time at 237 West 120th Street, #1 New York, NY 10027 from July of 2007 to August of 2013.

Miss Stronbhen had several questions to ask me concerning events that had taken place at the building. Specifically these involved incidents where the police had been called and other events that involved altercations between Ms. Price and a man.

Mss Strohbhen asked me about my knowledge of these events. In both the structure of the questions and the inflection with which these were asked, it was apparent that the purpose was to question whether these events happened, and as it was directly communicated, to question whether Ms. Price had been telling the truth, which she posed was not the case.

Informed Miss Strohbhen that I was aware of issues taking place by reports from my other tenants as well as conversations with Ms. Price. I told Miss Strohbhen that although I did not have any direct knowledge of what took place since I did not live at the building, and was not present when they occurred, I also had no reason to question the veracity of either the reports from my other tenants or Ms. Price

I would characterize the reaction of Miss Strohbhen to my responses as frustrated or annoyed.

She indicated that she was dealing with Ms. Price and was looking to assemble information that reluted claims that Ms. Price had made. She suggested that Ms. Price had been making false statements. I told Miss Strohbhen, that I although I

could not comment on any specific event on the basis of other than what I had been told, that in my dealings with Ms. Price as a tenant in general I had no reason to presume that her claims, or the reports of my other tenants, were less than the truth.

The names of other tenants or neighbors were not requested.

Miss Strohbhen gave me the impression she was less than satisfied with the outcome of her call and ended it abruptly.

Sincerely.

Adam Ourgani

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Elizabeth Walker 235 West 120th Street Apt 2 New York, NY 10027 (917) 575-9600

April 22, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I was one of Kelly Price's neighbors when she lived at 237 West 120th Street. I have lived at 235 West 120th Street for five years. I am an attorney and have been a member of the New York State Bar for over seven years.

During the course of our relationship as neighbors and eventually as friends, Kelly shared with me the trouble she had obtaining police assistance from members of the 28th Precinct on multiple occasions when she had been attacked by people in our neighborhood, including her ex intimate partner, Raheem Powell. I did not witness the events or attacks Kelly described to me, but throughout 2011 and 2012 she would cry and talk to me whenever she was assaulted. Kelly believed the women who assaulted her were associated with either her ex, his alleged drug dealing associates or his childhood cronies. Kelly was particularly dismayed that the police refused to take her reports, follow up on assaults against her person, or regard her as a member of society needing protection in general. She told me that officers in the precinct told her that the district attorney's office had instructed them not to assist her. Candidly, I did not entirely believe that the police would refuse Kelly, and I suspected that she was omitting some dispositive reason why the police were reluctant to intervene on her behalf against her various alleged attackers.

On the evening of October 18, 2012, Kelly called me crying and asking for my help. I observed her distraught and injured after she said she had been assaulted in broad daylight on the corner of our block, at 120th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue, at approximately 5:30 p.m. while she was en route to her home from the 125th Street subway. I observed that she was disheveled, her stockings were torn and her knees and hands were bruised and bloodied. Kelly was nearly hysterical, and I had to calm her down and give her medical assistance. Kelly related that a purported heroin dealer named Willy who was known to many residents in the neighborhood (he purportedly operated his business from a visible stoop on Saint Nicholas Avenue) had "jumped" her and hit her in the face, spit at her and pushed her onto the sidewalk, all the while screaming insults at her. I do not recall what Kelly said she said to him before or after the attack, but I do recall that she said she did not provoke him or retaliate against him physically. I took pictures of Kelly and her wounds, and encouraged her to call 911 for assistance in reporting the crime. Kelly stated that she already had called the 28th Precinct and that a patrol car had been sent to the scene of the assault. Kelly said that when the officers arrived they refused to take her report and called her crazy. Kelly also stated that she had then walked to the precinct, three blocks away, for help and had been rebuffed by the desk sergeant, who Kelly said ridiculed and mocked her.

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Notwithstanding her story that she had sought police intervention earlier that day, I insisted that she call 911 again and report the chain of events. She complied.

Eventually another patrol car arrived in front of our building. Two police officers, whom Kelly has since reminded me were named P.O. Longo (shield #31565) and P.O. Walker, related to us that they were instructed by the station's desk sergeant not to take Kelly's reports. P.O. Walker stated that the District Attorney's office had instructed the precinct not to respond to any of Kelly's calls. I recall being genuinely shocked and outraged to hear this instruction, and further surprised that a young woman, like P.O. Walker, would be tasked by her superiors with being complicit in a practices that left a domestic violence victim without recourse for protection. At this juncture, I introduced myself as an officer of the court and member of the NY State Bar, and reminded the officers of their legal and ethical responsibilities to provide complainants with police services. I recall that the officers responded more favorably to me than they did to Kelly, but I could not discern whether this was the case because I notified them that I am an attorney, or because I'm just someone other than Kelly Price. P.O. Walker stated that she would take basic information about the incident, but she believed that once the precinct began to process the event, it most likely would be "circular-filed" in the trash bin. P.O. Longo gave Kelly an incident ID slip and told her to follow up with the precinct in a few days, then both officers left. I was then, and remain, dumbfounded by what I witnessed transpire that evening.

As a single young woman living and working in NYC, it unsettled me that the police could be so cavalier about Kelly Price's safety. Kelly has since told me that the complaint number she was given months later when she inquired as to why no one had ever followed up with her about the incident was 2012-28-005194. Kelly also informs me that the detective squad at the 28th Precinct closed her incident report without contacting her either to identify the perpetrator of the attack or review the emergency room reports or follow-on orthopedic assessments describing Price's injuries resulting from the attack.

Please feel free to contact me concerning these events.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Walker

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To whom it may concern:

I was a neighbor of Kelly Price when she lived at 237 West 120th Street. I am a manager in Con Edison where I have worked for over 26 years. I have approximately 70 employees in my chain of command. I lived on the street for over 12 years, walk my dog every day and know and get along with my neighbors.

In the spring and summer of 2011 and later in 2012, there were some problems on the street related to young teenagers from other blocks hanging out on 120th street vandalizing cars, the school yard, fighting in the streets and being somewhat threatening to others. As a result, a group of us from the block attended monthly meetings at the police station to make our issues known there and to get further on-going support from the police and the community officer. The police were very helpful, offered a lot of support and worked with us and the principal at the local school and facilitated the problem going away.

After the formal meeting, the head of the station, Captain Rodney Harrison, invited attendees to speak with him personally about issues of concern. I went up to him after one of these meetings and asked him why more was not being done to help Kelly Price, who everyone knew was being battered. I was concerned because the young teenagers seemed to be learning the wrong thing from the situation. At that time, Captain Harrison told me that he had never seen anything like it, but he/the police were told to not respond to Kelly Price without the direct instruction of the District Attorney's office. He said it was strange but indicated that, to some extent, his hands were tied.

I found his response really surprising, so it stood out in my mind. I don't remember when or in what circumstances I came to be telling Kelly Price the

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details of my interaction with Captain Harrison.

Please feel free to contact me, should I be able to assist you further.

Sincerely,

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In Conspiracy Trial, a Query: What, Exactly, Is a Gang?

By JOHN ELIGON OCT. 11, 2011

From a telephone on Rikers Island, an inmate barked out his orders to a man in Harlem, prefacing them with an explanation.

"Yo, there's money out there right now," the inmate, Jaquan Layne, said. "Go outside."

The man on the other end of the line, Jeffrey Brown, turned to the others inside the Harlem apartment and echoed Mr. Layne's orders: "He said there's money out there right now. Go to the block."

There were other directives: Mr. Brown should collect some money from a woman named Gloria, and if she asked any questions, she should be told that Mr. Brown was "taking care of this now" because Mr. Layne was locked up. Another man in the apartment, Habiyb Mohammed, was asked to monitor the others because they were "new at what they're doing right now, so, like, keep them on point."

This recorded phone call and dozens of others between Mr. Layne and his friends form the central issue in a trial in Manhattan that might at first seem simple: What is a gang?

To Manhattan prosecutors, a gang is a structured criminal organization, and Mr. Layne's worked together as a drug-selling enterprise that defended its turf, a block of 137th Street, with violence.

But to the lawyers for Mr. Layne and four co-defendants, the group, while perhaps selling drugs, was anything but a structured trafficking enterprise.

The trial began three weeks ago and is expected to go to the jury on Wednesday.

The defendants, portrayed by prosecutors as gang leaders, are Mr. Layne, 21; his brother Jahlyl, 18; Mr. Brown, 20, who is a cousin; Mr. Mohammed, 31; and Jonathan Hernandez, 19. Jahlyl Layne is charged with second-degree conspiracy. The other four are charged with first-degree conspiracy, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

The prosecutors, who must prove that the defendants agreed to commit a crime and took steps to do so, are using the recorded telephone conversations to illustrate what they say is the behind-the-scenes planning and structuring of a drug organization.

Conspiracy charges are generally difficult to prove, legal experts said, but they offer prosecutors a great reward: they can bring down multiple defendants at once and wipe out entire pockets of crime.

Karen Friedman Agnifilo, chief of the trial division in the Manhattan district attorney's office, speaking generally about gangs and not about the case currently on trial, said, "They might not be as structured or organized, but they're not less violent." She added, "We're focusing on violence."

She said Cyrus R. Vance Jr., the Manhattan district attorney, emphasized a holistic approach in which the office not only prosecuted violent groups, but also promoted community-building activities to help keep young people away from crime.

Law enforcement authorities said that modern-day gangs in New York City shared several characteristics: members tend to be young, under 20; they are territorial, attaching themselves to a specific block or housing project; they are well armed and instantly violent. Some gangs simply exist to fight other gangs, while others are centered on crimes like gun trafficking.

In the 137th Street case, prosecutors said, Jaquan Layne was the ringleader of a gang tied together by a drug operation. But where prosecutors hear strategy and planning in telephone conversations, Mr. Layne's lawyer, Franklin Rothman, hears a young man who likes to boast.

"They have nothing on Jaquan Layne other than his big, stupid mouth that got him in trouble," Mr. Rothman said in his opening statement. "He's not part of a conspiracy. He's not part of this gang. He's a guy from the block."

In one call, Jahlyl Layne seemed intent on collecting on a debt, even though he was in jail.

"You know them fiends still owe me that money, too," he told the man on the other end of the phone. "Go get that money, B."

"I'm gonna go knock on that door for you," the man responded. "I got you."

Prosecutors said some of the calls also described the group's violence and the passing of weapons. Pierce Gross, who is not on trial but was one of the people charged with the 137th Street group, told someone in a recorded call that "Jon snapped," meaning he had fired a gun.

Mr. Gross was speaking of an episode, prosecutors said, in which Mr. Hernandez fired several shots at someone, leading to an attempted-murder charge being prosecuted in the trial.

Some of the phone calls displayed internal strife, prosecutors said. In one call, Jahlyl Layne told Louis Williams, who prosecutors said was in the gang, that someone was "gonna kill" him and others in the group who were still on the streets because, he said, using a term for money, they "ain't setting no chicken out" to those who were in jail. They were "due a spanking," Mr. Layne said.

Mr. Williams called Mr. Layne's bluff, saying they were not "gonna kill nobody."

In another call, Jaquan Layne appeared to complain that Mr. Brown and another man were still selling drugs but not putting any of the money in his commissary account at Rikers. They "ain't sending me no paper," Mr. Layne told Harlem Drug Conspiration 15 To The Training to Jange 1 of 4

Afrika Owes, a former private-school student who was also charged in the case but pleaded guilty to lesser charges.

"Who they selling it for?" Ms. Owes asked.

"They self," Mr. Layne responded.

Mr. Rothman, his lawyer, has said that that answer indicated an every-man-for-himself attitude, rather than some structured drug organization with people working together.

Yet in another call, Mr. Layne appeared to be instructing Ms. Owes on how to take care of herself. After she explained that she was carrying guns, Mr. Layne told her that if things got crazy, she should use them — "let it go, let it go."

"I got you," Ms. Owes responded.

"Make sure," Mr. Layne said, "head shots only."

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dozens of hearings. I have presented at least fifty cases before the grand jury, including cold-hit DNA 4s a member of the Trial Division, I am responsible for investigating, indicting and trying felories. In appeal. As lead prosecutor, I have tried nine cases before juries in New York County and conducted Manhattan, we vertically prosecute; I take on cases from arrest and handle them through collateral

Manhattan, In the past, I served as a junior member of a project targeting a specific gang responsible for violence in Harlem. These projects highlight the investigative skills necessary for a big-city prosecutor. Currently, I am supervising two junior attorneys in a project targeted to reduce crime in Mid-town

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- Research and write various pre-trial and post-conviction motions, including motions in opposition of dismissal, motions in opposition of vacating judgment, and motions for protective order
- · Write search warrants including residences, computers, cellular telephones, and other mobile technology
- · Present cases to the grand jury in Manhattan, from complex identity theft cases to domestic violence assaults
- · Investigate and prosecute long-term employee fraud
- · Serve as First Chair on bench and jury trials
- Organize trial strategies by reviewing evidence and developing themes
- · Collaborate with family lawyers in domestic violence-related custody and divorce issues in the Integrated Domestic Violence Part of the New York County Supreme Court
- Volunteer, such as a presentation to adolescents in upper-Manhattan on various aspects of the criminal law and law enforcement issues in New York, including dating violence
- · Attend continuing legal education seminars including a lecture on various forms of financial evidence, and its collection
- · Write complaints to commence prosecution on the basis of a thorough review of evidence in shifts, including shifts into the early morning
- Balance a caseload of about three-hundred active cases with an aggressive court schedule. Chosen to begin working on a bureau based project targeting gang-related violent crime in the 28th precinct in 2011

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9:32 PM

1/2 Chalupa u fucking with this dude: but you on my back about girls. trying to get me locked up for no reason. When I get locked up I'm showing and telling 2/2 everything. And calling warren once I get locked up.

9:46 PM: I will turn your life upside down one I'm in Jail.

10:02 pm: Yea if you say so Hoe: Everybody is going to know

10:25 pm: so they will love all the great things. I got to show them

10:31 pm: its your word against mine let's play I got pi and everything else. Daddy and mommy and big bro will love my info. And I saw your speed dial u got two guys on speed dial ur sad broke and a hoe. ur a loser

10:33 pm: warren rob warren rob they going to love me

12/21/10

6:37 am: lets have make up sex my dick is rock hard

(12/21 time unidentified sometime between 6:37 and 10:17 am)

[TEXT BENEATH NAKED PHOTO OF ME]

U see that window that's your house. Just leave me alone please I don't want to be with someone that wants to get me locked up. Plus Hoeing

(12/21 time unidentified sometime between 6:37 and 10:17 am)

[TEXT BENEATH NAKED PHOTOS OF ME]

Two taps I can see every word even your number and I got more. Just leave me alone and stop lying to the cops. I'm not going to fuck you intill I get lock up for no reason

10:17 am I have Keys

10:19 am: U think I'm playing. Play with the cops and u will never hoe or work again

10:21 a.m: Your is too

10:25 a.m. thanks more for the cops when you get me locked up

10:28 Not when they see what I got and the people who will come downtown to help me

10:32 that paper will

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9:02 a.m.: Did you pay my car note

9:20 am: I was making a lot of money when I had my car. How u think I saved your ass so many times. When u had no money. I would love it if u can pay my car note like you said u would but if not we can go 310 310 = 620 or I can pay it by myself just the the info. please I need that car on the streets. I don't have to get nj plate it koool. I will wait intill the weeks are up. ate the gym I'm taking a cab to my lot and going to the dmv to take back my plates

RESPONSE 9:30 am: You ignore every holiday you spend hem with someone else including my birthday I can't wait till your car is gone

9:28 am: when they take my car I'm telling every thing that on niya

9:30 am: once that go u know what's going to happen

9:30 am RESPONSE: I am not talking to you until I get my phones and i'm warning you stay away from the DMV u have no right to conduct my business

10:07 am: So get my car took of u want. Just know what's happens after. no order can stop me from talking.

RESPONSE: 10:10 am I hate you for ruining me but I will survive you been doing me filthy for too long

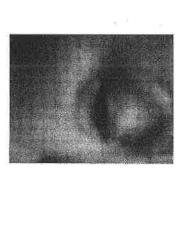
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10:22 am: I will never fuck you. But u fuck me so many times. So I'm not letting u get away no more. You know right from wrong so u fuck me I'm going hard. Please I love you so don't make me do this

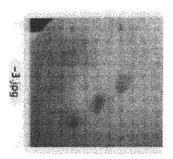
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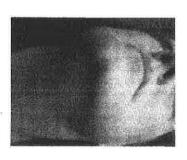
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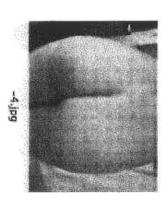








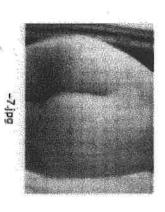












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Chart Review Print

Metropolitan Hospital Center

Location DIS-Hd6

Patient Name Price, Cathleen Patient Number Visit Number Age 1674607

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Sex

Attending Physician Meletiche, Carlos M, MD

ED Adult RN Initial Note -- cont'd

Braden Scale: Score: 22 Scale: no risk Sensory Perception: responds to verbal commands, has no sensory deficits Moisture: skin

is usually dry Activity: walks frequently during waking hours Mobility: makes position changes without assistance Nutrition: eats over half most meals or on tube feeding or TPN regimen which probably meets most of nutritional needs Friction/Shear: moves in bed and

in chair independently.

Skin Lesions?: yes

Lesion Detail: Lesions: laceration, hematoma Location: right posterior

thigh, facial

Lesions: laceration Location: right thigh, left buttocks,

Photo : not applicable

Problem List: Diagnosis : Working Diag:

Resulted by : Lopez, Michelle, RN (ESOF)
Ordering MD : (ESOF)

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Chart Review Print

Metropolitan Hospital Center

Location DIS-Hd6

Patient Name Price, Cathleen

Patient Number 1674607

Visit Number 1674607-4

Attending Physician Meletiche, Carlos M, MD

MDInitNote DellaFavaA

Event Time: Thu, 11 Nov 10 0336

Status: complete

Thu, 11 Nov 10 0606 Documented by Carlos M Meletiche, MD

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: 84 bpm P : 127/77 BP : 18 \mathbf{R} Pain : yes : no

Pt Walked Out?

Time Pt Seen : 11Nov2010 0326

Visit Provider : Albert David Della Fava, MD

: Carlos M Meletiche, MD Attending

: Direct Communication in Patients's Primary Requested Communication

Language

Chief Complaints: Assault Sustain 3 laceration to Rt posterolat thigh and

facial hematoma

TB/Pneumonia : Fever: no Cough: no Night Sweats: no Weight Loss: no

Shortness of Breath: no

: vs wnl, mild distress however patient calmed during exam, Assessment.

no respiratory distress or SOB, abrasion/bruise to right

infraorbit, no orbital tenderness EOMI, erythema to

lateral neck and throat, 5 cm laceration to left buttock, 3 1.5 cm lacerations to right hip, no boney deformates or

joint complaints

: clinical work up as ordered Plan

: Assault by other specified means Diagnosis

: non critical visit E&M Level

Non-Critical Vst : 99283 expanded problem focused hx, exam and mod complex MDM

Attend's Addendum: Gen Supv

DAWN? : no

; See paper chart Comment

: E968.8 Assault by other specified means Diagnosis Principal Pr: E968.8 Assault by other specified means

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Metropolitan Hospital Center

Location DIS-Hd6

Patient Name Price, Cathleen Patient Number Visit Number 1674607

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40Y

Sex

Attending Physician Meletiche, Carlos M, MD

PHM/PSHx/Fam: Diagnosis Working Diag:

Resulted by

: Meletiche, Carlos M, MD (ESOF)

: (ESOF) Ordering MD

ED RN Disposition Assessment Event Time: Thu, 11 Nov 10 0554

Status: complete

Chu, 11 Nov 10 0558

Documented by Nakita Mccoy, RN

Discharge Disposition: treated & released

Home Care Discharge

: no.

Diagnosis Vital Signs

: Assault by other specified means : SBP:: 121 mmHg DBP:: 64 mmHg P: 76 bpm R: 17 T:

97.8 F (36.6 C) Temp Route: oral 02

Saturation: 99 % Comments: ROOM AIR

Barriers to Learning : none

DC Plan

: MEDICATION AS PRESCRIBED. FOLLOW UP IN CLINIC AS

DIRECTED. RETURN TO ER FOR ANY NEW OR WORSENING

CONCERNS. NAD NOTED.

Valuables/Clothing

: patient kept at own risk

Comment

: PT OUT WITH STEADY GAIT. RESP EVEN/UNLABORED, NO

DISTRESS NOTED. PT VERBALIZED UNDERSTANDING OF INSTR

PROVIDED BY DELLFAVA, MD

Medication Order(s) : Adacel (Tdap 11-64y) (Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid & Acellular Pertussis Vaccine

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Medication Effect(s)

: no adverse effects for all new medications

Diagnosis :

Working Diag: E968.8 Assault by other specified means

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Metropolitan Hospital Center

Location DIS-Hd6 Patient Name Price, Cathleen Patient Number 1674607

Visit Number 1674607-4 Age

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Attending Physician Meletiche, Carlos M, MD

ED Chest Pai: Diagnosis :

Resulted by

: Mccoy, Nakita, RN (ESOF)

Ordering MD : (ESOF)

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Metropolitan Hospital Center Department of Emergency Medicine 1901 First Avenue New York, NY 10029

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212-423-6466 furlington plate Discharge Instructions for: The emergency examination and treatment you received today is not intended to provide you with a complete medical workup. You should follow-up with a physician for further evaluation and treatment. If you have any questions or concurns regarding your emergency department treatment, please return to the Binergency Department. Notify your own physician for any new or remaining problems. If you are concerned about those problems, please return to this or any other Emergency Department. Otherwise, follow these instructions below. The results of x-rays, ultrasounds, blood lesis and EKOs are preliminary at this time. They will be reviewed by a specialist, usually within 24 hours. Should it be necessary, you will be contacted. Notify your primary care physician if you had such tests done during your emergency visit. Please make sure that you have notified the physicians and nurses of all of your past medical and surgical history as well as any medications (including over-the-counter and herbal preparations) that you are currently taking. Return to the Emergency Department, or any other emergency Department, for any current or new problem that you think may be a serious threat to your health. These problems vary depending on your underlying condition, but include such problems as high fever, severe pain, shortness of breath, persistent vomiting, excessive diarrhea, heavy bleeding, black stools, seizure/convulsion or change in behavior. Ask your nurse or doctor to inform you of any problems that may be more specific to your visit today, Continue taking any previously prescribed medications, in addition to any new ones from today, unless otherwise informed. Please make sure that you have informed us today of all of your medications and allergies to medications/ foods, including any recently changed by any other doctor. Medications: Please pick up or ask for any printed educational materials that we may have specific to your probable condition. a follow up with your primary care provider within days. If you don't have a primary care provider, you can call our clinic appointment center at 212-423-7000 for an appointment to the clinic. Inform them that you need to be seen within this number of days. a follow up in clinic within 10 days 61 212-423-7000. clinic within 10 chons:

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Patient Signature

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	5		15	Petitioner,	DOCKET NO 0-10874/1	
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	8		æ	Respondent.	÷	
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1	3		Appearances:	EDWARD GREENBERG	, ESQ.	
1	4	*	3	Attorney for the	Petitioner	
1	5			WILLIAM O'HEARN,	ESQ.	
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Proceedings

1		COURT OFFICER: Six and fourteen in the matte:
2		Price and Powell.
3		Counsel, your appearance.
4		MR. GREENBERG: For the petitioner, Your Honor
5		Edward C. Greenberg, 570 Lexington Avenue, New York, New
6		York.
7		Good morning.
8		COURT OFFICER: Raise your right hand.
9		(Whereupon, the following parties were sworn i
10		by the court officer.)
11		MS. PRICE: Kelly Catherine Price.
12		MR. POWELL: Raheem Powéll.
13		THE COURT: Good morning, Your Honor.
14		You are entitled to have an attorney in this
15		proceeding. If you don't have an attorney, I can assign (
16	8	to represent you. You can also decide you would like to c
17		forward on our own without an attorney, or if you would
18		like, you can hire or consult with an attorney that you
19		would pick.
20		Do you want an attorney in this proceeding?
21		MR. POWELL: Yes.
22		THE COURT: What's your source of income at the
23		present time? Are you working?
24		MR. POWELL: Yes.
25		THE COURT: How much are you earning?

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1		MR. POWELL: Like \$250 a week.
2	ū	THE COURT: Are you a member of a union?
3		MR. POWELL: (No response)
4		(Whereupon, the following party was sworn in b
5		the court officer.)
6		DETECTIVE SIMMONS: Detective Linda Simmons,
7		shield number 2653 of the 28 Detective Squad.
8	151	THE COURT: Sorry to drag you in, Detective
9		Simmons, but I have a couple of questions, since I was
10		informed that you are here to arrest the petitioner.
1.1		DETECTIVE SIMMONS: We are here to pick her up
12		for another detective that will be arresting her.
13		THE COURT: Anything related to my case here?
14		DETECTIVE SIMMONS: It's between the two of th
15	9.	It's between the two of them and how she calls him and
16		threatens to have him arrested if he doesn't come see her.
17		(Whereupon, Mr. O'Hearn entered the courtroom.
18		THE COURT: Mr. O'Hearn is going to be
19		representing the respondent.
20		Do you want to note your appearance.
21		MR. O'HEARN: William O'Hearn, 225 Broadway,
22		appearing for the respondent.
23		THE COURT: Okay. So he had a family offense
24		case at some point in time, but your Order of Protection w
25		vacated when you didn't show up on March 9th.

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1		MR. POWELL: I was on the wrong floor,
2		THE COURT: Did you file again?
3	*	MR. POWELL: No.
4		THE COURT: So are you picking her up for
5		violating the order?
6		DETECTIVE SIMMONS: She is going to be arreste
7		for aggravated harassment.
8		THE COURT: Okay, got you.
9	500	MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor, with respect to
10		Mr. Powell's claim that he was in the wrong room, I know
11		Your Honor is very busy and doesn't remember this case, bu
12	130	this case
13		THE COURT: No. I actually remember it.
14		MR. GREENBERG: Good. Then Your Honor will
15		remember that we delayed to call this case for quite some
16		time because Mr. Powell was not here, and Your Honor calle
17		the case at 11:02.
18		THE COURT: Your client wasn't here either on
19		that date, as I recall.
20		MR. GREENBERG: That's correct, and I expressed
21		concern about the safety of my client. So while the court
22		officer called the case at about 9:32, Your Honor didn't
23		hear it until about 11:00. This was a 9:30 case, so I don
24		know how Mr. Powell couldn't have found his case within an
25		hour and a half:

1	THE COURT: His case was dismissed. He paid
2	consequence of not being here.
3 "	I think the bigger issue is your client is ab-
4	to get arrested. And I am hearing that right now, and
5	perhaps that makes me concerned about whether I actually
6	need to continue an Order of Protection in this case,
7	because he is not getting arrested, she is getting arrest
8	Detectives investigated the stories?
9	DETECTIVE SIMMONS: Yes.
10	THE COURT: And don't find her story to be
11	credible?
12	DETECTIVE SIMMONS: No.
13	MR. GREENBERG: We have a couple of competing
14	issues. Issue number one, and perhaps not the most
15	important, but I think it should be before Your Honor before
16	the case is discussed before you, no request was made of π
17	office to surrender Ms. Price, notwithstanding the fact th
18	I had lengthy conversations with detectives at the 28
19	Precinct, including Detective Flowers, who is, presumably,
20	going to be the detective arresting Ms. Price today.
21	I had a conversation with Mr. Flowers for over
22	five minutes, and at no time did he ask me to bring
23	Ms. Price in, nor had any request been made to me or to
24	Ms. Price' other attorney to bring her in. She would have
25	been brought in and this exercise, perhaps, would have been

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1	avoided or at least postponed. That's issue one, Your
2	Honor.
3	Number two, there was an Order of Protection
4	sought against Mr. Powell, whose acts of violence against
5	Ms. Price are well documented by hospital reports and so
6	forth. The detectives have come in here, and I understand
7	their responsibilities, as they see them, but they come in
8	here without any adjudication at all based on, solely, the
9	word of Mr. Powell, whom Your Honor has already awarded
10	Orders of Protection against, presumably, because Your Hor
11	was satisfied.
12	THE COURT: Excuse me.
13	An ex-parte Order of Protection Everyone co:
14	in here and does an ex-parte the first time, and I This
15	is the first time I have the parties in front of me.
16	MR. GREENBERG: That's true.
17	Not all ex-partes. Ms. Price had been here
18	before.
19	MR. O'HEARN: The most recent one was ex-parte
20	because he didn't show up, but that's not the initial one.
21	There was evidence that satisfied Your Honor to issue an
22	Order of Protection, apparently, where Mr. Powell was here
23	on prior occasions.
24	MR. GREENBERG: My recollection, Your Honor, i
25	when I was here three or four weeks ago, Your Honor stated

1	blackmail from the text messages from Mr. Powell to mysel
2	letting me know exactly what would happen to me if I ever
3	did such things like leave him, report the physical ongoi
4	physical abuse.
5	THE COURT: Were the nude photos you are alleg
6	on there?
7	MS. PRICE: No. He never sent them to me.
8	THE COURT: How, again, did you know there wer
9	photos of you?
10	MS. PRICE: People in my neighborhood and
11	children in my neighborhood taunt me and taunt me with the
12	phonés when I walk by.
13	THE COURT: Did you see what was on the
14	children's phones?
15	MS. PRICE: No, I did not.
16	I am happy to present respectable adults in my
17	neighborhood, especially the owners of the livery cabs
18	around the corner from me, who showed them to me and said
19	cannot believe this is happening to you and are willing to
20	testify.
21	THE COURT: I am going to let them do whatever
22	they have to do, arrest your client.
23	I will give you another date to come back.
24	I will put in a usual terms Order of Protection
25	and refrain from communication. If he is going to renew h

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1	request, Mr. O'Hearn, he needs to do that. This is again:
2	him.
3	She actually, quite frankly, based on the
4	allegations, I am willing to bet that the Criminal Court
5	will also put in an Order of Protection in place. But you
6	client can decide if he wants to file here, and I will give
7	you a date to come back to court.
8	MR. GREENBERG: May I make a request with resp
• 9	to a return date, if it suits the Court?
10	THE COURT: Sure.
11	MR. GREENBERG: I can have any date in the las
12	two weeks of April, but the first two weeks I can't and I
13	can't in May. So any date anytime that the Court wants for
14	April 18th to the end of the month is fine with me.
15	MR. O'HEARN: I am out the last week of April.
16	THE COURT: I am not here on the 18th or the
1.7	19th.
18	MR. GREENBERG: Any date that week.
19	THE COURT: How about the 21st?
20	MR. O'HEARN: I am out that weekend.
21	THE COURT: You are out the 18th.
22	How about May 2nd? That certainly will give t
23	Criminal Court matter time for us to know what's going on
24	there.
25	I could bring you in earlier. I could bring y

1	in on April 13th or 14th, but, otherwise, we are going to
2	May 2.
3	MR. O'HEARN: I can appear on May 2nd.
4	MR. GREENBERG: I will do May 2nd if I have to
5	At what time, Your Honor?
6	THE COURT: Let me pick an available time.
7	11:00 a.m.
8	MR. GREENBERG: That's fine. All right.
9	THE COURT: I will see you all then.
10	Thank you.
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12	Court Reporter's Certification
13	I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript is a true
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CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

-against-

1. Kelly Price (F 40)

ECAB# 1222673

Defendant.

FAMILY OFFENSE **DEFENDANT/VICTIM** RELATIONSHIP: INTIMATE/ACCESS

MISDEMEANOR ADA MARQUEZ 212-335-9522

Detective Samuel Fontanez, shield 00311 of the 028 Detective Squad, states as follows:

On April 30, 2011, at about 00:01 hours inside of 315 West 116th Street in the County and State of New York, the Defendant committed the offenses of:

Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree PL215.50(3) (I count)

the defendant engaged in intentional disobedience to the lawful mandate of a court in other than a labor dispute.

The offenses were committed under the following circumstances:

Deponent states that deponent is informed by Raheem Powell, of an address known to the District Attorney's Office, that defendant called informant on the telephone and stated in substance: ARE YOU RECORDING ME? I WANT TO TALK TO YOU SO WE CAN WORK THINGS OUT. Deponent is further informed that informant has known defendant for more than two years and informant recognized defendant's voice.

Deponent states (i) that the above actions by defendant are in violation of an order of protection issued on March 24, 2011 by Judge Amaker, docket number 2011NY021627, and which remains in effect until May 10, 2011, (ii) that the order of protection directs the defendant to refrain from communication or any other contact by mail, telephone, e-mail, voicemail or other electronic means with Raheem Powell, and (iii) that defendant is aware of the order of protection in that defendant was present in court when the court order was issued and the order of protection is signed by the defendant.

False statements made herein are punishable as a class A misdemeanor pursuant to section 210.45 of the penal law.

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CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK: PART D

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

-against-

KELLY PRICE,

Defendant.

SUPPORTING DEPOSITION C.P.L. § 100.20

Docket No. 2011NY032918

I, Ralieem Powell, of an address known to the District Attorney's Office, County of New York County, State of New York, being duly sworn, depose and say:

that I have read the Accusatory Instrument filed in the above-entitled action and attached hereto and that the facts therein stated to be on information furnished by me are true upon my personal knowledge.

False statements made herein are punishable as a class A misdemeanor pursuant to section 210.45 of the penal law.

Signature (Deponent)

Date

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DEBRIEFING AGREEMENT

With respect to the meeting of Kenya Wells, an Assistant District Attorney in the Office of the District Attorney for New York County ("Office") with Kelly Price ("Client") to be held on the date of this memorandum, the following understandings exist:

- (1) Should any prosecutions be brought against Client by this Office, this Office will not offer as evidence in its case-in-chief any statement made by Client at the meeting, except in a prosecution for false statements or perjury.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph one, (a) this Office may use information derived directly or indirectly from Client's statements at the meeting for the purpose of obtaining leads to other evidence, and if any such evidence is developed, it may be used in any prosecution of Client, and (b) should any prosecution of Client be undertaken, this Office may use statements made by Client at the meeting and all evidence obtained directly or indirectly therefrom for the purpose of cross-examination should Client testify, or to rebut any evidence offered by or on behalf of Client in connection with the prosecution.
- (3) This agreement is limited to the statements made by Client at the meeting held on this date, and does not apply to any oral, written or recorded statements made by Client at any other time. No understandings, promises, agreements, or conditions have been entered into with respect to the meeting other than those set forth in this agreement, and none will be entered into unless in writing and signed by all parties.

DATED: New York, New York June 21, 2011

CYRUS R. VANCE, JR. District Attorney

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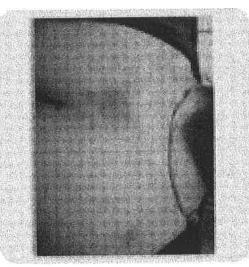
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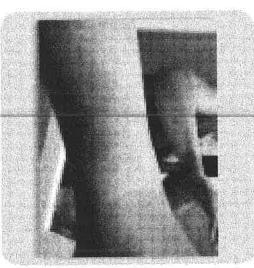
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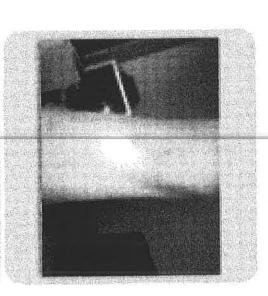
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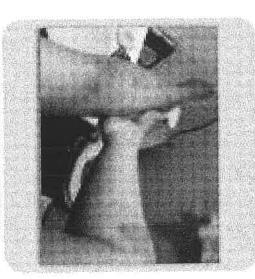
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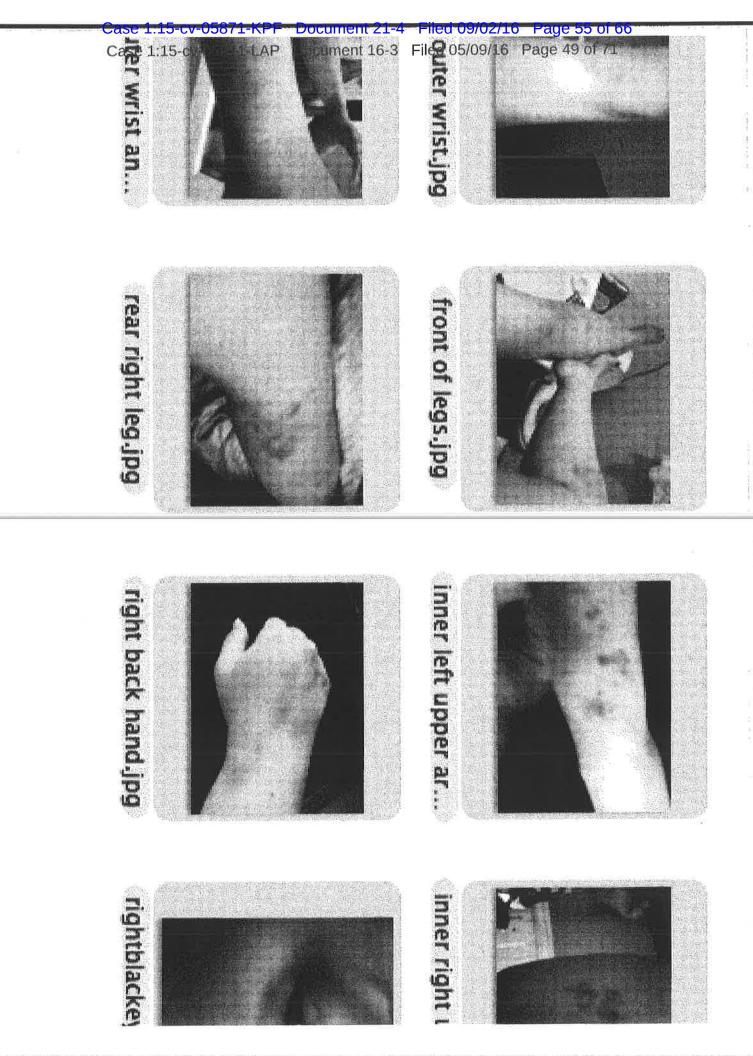


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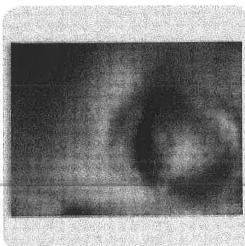


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Decided on February 25, 2016 SUPREME COURT, APPELLATE TERM, FIRST DEPARTMENT PRESENT: Schoenfeld, J.P., Shulman, Hunter, Jr., JJ. 571134/12

The People of the State of New York, Respondent, -

against

Kelly Price, Defendant-Appellant.

Defendant appeals from a judgment of the Criminal Court of the City of New York, New York County (Robert M. Mandelbaum, J.), rendered October 18, 2012, convicting him, after a nonjury trial, of two counts of disorderly conduct, and imposing sentence.

Per Curiama

Judgment of conviction (Robert M. Mandelbaum, J.), rendered October 18, 2012, reversed, on the law and the facts, and the accusatory instrument is dismissed.

The verdict convicting defendant of two counts of disorderly conduct (see Penal Law §§ 240.20[2], [3]), was not based on legally sufficient evidence and was, in any event, against the weight of the evidence. The trial evidence showed that defendant called police after she was asked to leave a midtown Manhattan bar on a Saturday evening; the responding officers observed defendant to be visibly upset and they tried to calm her down; upon interviewing people inside the bar, the officers informed defendant that there was no action that they could take on her behalf; defendant was angry, but walked away from the scene; and that as defendant was approximately 20 feet away from the officers, she turned her head and shouted an epithet at them. On these facts, defendant's intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, or recklessness in creating such a risk, was not established beyond a reasonable doubt (see Penal Law § 240.20 People v Baker, 20 NY3d 354 [2013]). Defendant's conduct did not indicate an intent to breach the peace, or even constitute an act from which a breach of the peace was likely to occur (see People v Johnson, 22 NY3d 1162 [2014]; People v Baker, supra; People v Pritchard, 27 NY2d 246 [1970]; People v Smith, 19 NY2d 212 [1967]).

THIS CONSTITUTES THE DECISION AND ORDER OF THE COURT.

I concur I concur I concur

Decision Date: February 25, 2016

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,	:
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-against-	:
KELLY PRICE,	:
Defendant-Appellant.	:
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STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 5531

- 1. The docket number in the court below was 2011NY016509.
- The full names of the original parties were People of the State of New York against Kelly Price. There has been no change of parties on appeal.
- 3. This action was commenced in Criminal Court, New York County.
- 4. This action was commenced by the filing of an accusatory instrument.
- 5. This appeal is from a judgment convicting appellant, after a bench trial, of two counts of disorderly conduct (P.L. §240.20(2); P.L. §240.20(3)).
- 6. This is an appeal from a judgment of conviction rendered October 18, 2012 (Mandelbaum, J., at trial and sentencing).
- 7. Appellant has been granted permission to appeal as a poor person on the original record. The appendix method is not being used.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This is an appeal from a judgment of the Criminal Court, New York County, dated October 18, 2012, convicting appellant, after a bench trial, of two counts of disorderly conduct (P.L. §240.20(2); P.L. §240.20(3)), and sentencing her to a conditional discharge and three days community service (Mandelbaum, J., at trial and sentencing).¹

Timely notice of appeal was filed and, on January 7, 2013, this Court granted appellant leave to appeal as a poor person on the original record and typewritten briefs, and assigned Seymour James, Jr., successor to Steven Banks, as appellate counsel.

Appellant did not have any codefendants below. She is not incarcerated pursuant to the judgment above.

QUESTION PRESENTED

Whether the convictions should be reversed and the accusatory instrument dismissed where the evidence was insufficient to establish that appellant had the requisite *mens rea* to commit disorderly conduct. U.S. Const., Amend. XIV; N.Y. Const. art. I, §6; P.L. §240.20.

¹ References are to the trial transcript (Part 1), dated October 17, 2012; Those preceded by "T" are to the combined trial minutes (Part 2) and sentencing minutes, dated October 18, 2012.

The original complaint, which charged appellant with one count of disorderly conduct P.L. §240.20(3)), was replaced by a Prosecutor's Information charging her with both P.L. §240.20(2) and P.L. §240.20(3) (2-3).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Trial

On September 24, 2011, at about 10 p.m., Police Officer *Matthew Winters*, a seven-year veteran of NYPD assigned to Midtown South, and his partner, Police Officer Michael Relf, responded to a radio run of an assault in progress at Stitch Bar, 247 W. 37th St., New York County (27-30, 61, 64). ² There, Winters was approached by appellant, who had called to report the assault and was standing in front of the bar waiting for the police to arrive. Winters recalled that appellant was upset and had "visible bruises" on her arms (30, 62-64).³

After briefly speaking to appellant, Winters went inside the bar to hear "the other side of the story" while appellant remained outside (30, 63-64). When Winters returned a few minutes later, he told appellant that the police would not be charging anyone and refused to take her complaint (30-31, 51-54, 64).

While Winters was conversing with appellant, he was standing by the curb next to several other officers, and leaning on a phone booth with his back to the street. Appellant, who appeared visibly exhausted, stood directly in front of Winters (31-34). After Winters told appellant that the police would not assist her, appellant became more upset. The tone of her voice became higher and her hand gesturing movements became more animated (33). Winters testified that he tried to calm appellant down — he told her to "calm down"

² September 24, 2011 was a Saturday.

³ Counsel told the court that, at the time of trial, CCRB was investigating the police response to appellant's 911 complaint and the circumstances of her arrest in the instant case (12-14).

and "speak lower." Appellant lowered her voice but, as she grew more excited, the tone of her voice became elevated (33-34, 54-55).

Appellant communicated to Winters, who spoke to appellant for about five minutes, that she was upset about the way the police were handling her complaint. In response, Winters told her to contact the Better Business Bureau if "she had a problem with the establishment" (34-35, 65-67, 70-71). After Winters made the remark, appellant started walking away from the bar towards Eighth Avenue. When she had walked about 20-25 feet, appellant glanced over her shoulder and yelled to Winters, "go f--- yourself" in a tone that Winters ranked as 9 on a 1-10 scale with 10 being the highest. Because appellant's remark was "loud enough for others to hear," Winters immediately grabbed appellant and placed her under arrest (34-35, 55-58, 65-68, 70-71). Winters did not recall appellant making any other derogatory statements prior to her arrest (36-37).4

Throughout the course of their conversation, Winters recalled, appellant's tone "fluctuated up and down" with her emotions. After he told her that police would not be charging anyone, appellant became more upset and her tone became higher (66-69).

From the time Winters first responded to the time of appellant's arrest, Winters estimated that there were about twenty people in the area. "There were a few [people] in front of the bar, a few to my left, a few to my right, and a few across the street" (35). He

⁴ The People introduced a videotape showing the police responding to the scene, and Winters speaking to appellant, entering the bar, exiting the bar, and again speaking to appellant, who could be seen waving her arms (51-54, 65; People's exhibit number 2).

testified that "[p]eople were walking through us as we were speaking with the defendant" and that some people stopped on the sidewalk (37).⁵

When Police Officer *Michael Relf*, Winters' partner, first observed appellant, she was animated and "on the verge of crying" (T. 16-19, 26-27). As appellant described the incident, Relf recalled, the tone of appellant's voice fluctuated considerably – she spoke calmly one minute, and was yelling the next (T. 16-19, 26-27). After Relf and his partner spoke to the bar manager and two patrons, they decided not to arrest anyone for assault (T. 20-21, 28).

Although appellant was initially calm when Winters told her that the police would not be making an arrest, she became upset after Winters refused to take her statement. Appellant, who felt as if she had been wronged, Relf testified, then purportedly became "animated and aggressive" and she told Winters that NYPD was "worthless" and "she is the victim" (T. 20, 28-30). After appellant yelled "go f--- yourself" as she was walking away from the scene in a tone Relf described as a 9,7 Winters arrested appellant for using "obscene language easily within hearing of the general public" (T. 22-25, 30-31).

Relf described the area as mostly commercial. Although there were about ten people in the general area and appellant's comments caused some pedestrians to glance

⁵ The court stated that it would only consider the "go f--- yourself" statement because the other statements contained in the complaint were apparently made after appellant was arrested and would be precluded (38).

⁶ When asked to describe the tone of appellant's voice at the time she made the comments, Relf testified her tone was a 7 or 8 on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest (T. 28).

⁷ On a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest tone (T. 30-31).

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over, appellant did not try to engage any of them and none of them got involved (T. 20-21, 24-31).

When Midtown South Police Officer *Dianne Melidones* responded to Stitch Bar, Winters was on the sidewalk in front of the bar talking to appellant, who appeared "agitated" and was waving her hands around, and Melidones remained with appellant when Winters went inside the bar (72-75; T. 3-5). When Winters returned and informed appellant that the police would not help her, appellant's tone became elevated. After Winters told appellant to contact the Better Business Bureau about her complaint, appellant started walking away from the scene. As she was walking away, appellant was purportedly "screaming and carrying on" and, after she told the police "go f--- yourself," Winters proceeded to arrest her (77-79; T. 2, 9-12).

During the encounter, Melidones testified, a few pedestrians glanced over as they passed by but continued walking and did not have any audible reaction, and a "crowd of five people gathered across the street" (75-79; T. 9, 13-15). Appellant made no attempt to engage any of the bystanders or pedestrians (T. 9-11).

The Defense Motion to Dismiss

After the People rested, counsel moved for a trial order of dismissal. The defense maintained that the People failed to make out a *prima facie* case since the evidence was insufficient to support the inference that appellant acted intentionally or recklessly to create a public safety risk. Citing, *inter alia*, *People v. Munafo*, 50 N.Y.2d 326 (1980), counsel noted that the dispute was a private matter solely between appellant and the

police -- specifically officer Winters -- regarding her assault complaint. Although a few pedestrians glanced in appellant's direction as they walked by, they did not get involved and there was no indication that appellant sought to incite or involve the public or that the public was inconvenienced, annoyed, or alarmed. Thus, counsel continued, the circumstances did not support the inference that appellant intentionally or recklessly created a risk that the private dispute between her and the police would extend its boundaries and become a public issue (T. 33-37, 40-48).

In response, the prosecutor contended that yelling "go f--- yourself" in a loud tone -- even just once -- is sufficient to establish "unreasonable noise" under subsection (2) of P.L. §240.20 (T. 49-50). Citing *People v. Weaver*, 16 N.Y.3d 123 (2011), the prosecutor further argued that appellant's use of "profanities one time" was sufficient to satisfy P.L. §240.20(3), and that the noise and obscene language recklessly "created a risk to the public" (T. 49-53).

The court denied the defense motion (T. 57).

The Closing Arguments

Counsel maintained that the People failed to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that appellant had the requisite *mens rea* or *actus rea* to commit disorderly conduct. Appellant sought out the police after she was assaulted and when they refused to take her complaint, she became justifiably upset with Winters. At no point, however, did appellant attempt to involve or incite others and, although a few curious pedestrians turned to look, they

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continued walking, and there was no evidence it caused them to become inconvenienced, annoyed, or alarmed or created a risk to public safety (T. 58-61, 66-68).

Counsel further noted that appellant made the derogatory remark to Winters because she was nervous and upset with Winters, and not to intentionally incite others and, moreover, the disorderly conduct statute was not intended to criminalize the conduct here – a single derogatory remark made during a private dispute with a police officer. Counsel also pointed out that the encounter occurred in midtown Manhattan, where the public is constantly barraged with sirens and other loud noises, which is relevant in assessing whether the noise was "unreasonable" (T. 59-68).

In response, the People contended that appellant intended to cause public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm because she was "already agitated and worked up and then became even more agitated when they told her they would not arrest the person but when they told her she should go to the Better Business Bureau she got even more upset because she wasn't having her own way and she continued yelling and cursing and then walked away from the place. At the moment she said 'go f--- yourself' [in a loud tone] we know that her intention was to cause public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm [because] she did not state to the police officers 'go fuck yourself' when she was standing right in front of them within 2 to 3 feet" (T. 71-75). According to the prosecutor, because appellant was aware that members of the public were in the area, by making unreasonable noise and yelling obscenities and gesturing, she recklessly created a risk to others (T. 77-82).